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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CARLSON ET AL.

Examiner

Quana M. Grainger

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-14, 16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1-23-2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Objections

1. Claims 2, 7, 13-14, and 16-17 are objected to because of the following informalities. Claim 2 recites idiomatic English in line 3. Claim 7 recites a document in addition to a media sheet in the laminated composite, is this intentional? Claim 13 recites a printing device in the preamble but does not recite printing means. Claim 13 also recites a printable media sheet, what is meant by printable. Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the automatic feed tray for laminates and the alternative transfer bypass path must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the

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renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 1-8, 12-14, and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Endo et al. (5,894,318) in view of Hooper et al (6,816,686). Endo et al. teaches a method of using a printing device comprising receiving a laminate request via the user interface, adjusting the fusing temperature and speed, laminating a document surrounded by laminate sheet material (figures 4, 6, 9a, 9b, 10). The document and laminate sheet materials are inserted

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through the manual feed tray and bypass the transfer mechanism before being fused in the toner fuser (column 11, lines 25-53). Endo et al. does not teach adjusting the characteristics of the toner fuser.

Hooper et al. teaches changing the characteristics of the toner fuser based on the type of media and adjusting the speed or pressure when laminating a document with laminating material (figure 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teaching of Hooper et al. with the image forming device of Endo et al. to ensure proper fusing of a varied type of media (Hooper et al., column 1, line 6 – column 2, line 44).

6. Claims 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Endo et al. in view of Hooper et al. in view of Fukushima. Endo et al. does not discuss displaying instructions on the display device.

Fukushima teaches displaying manual feed instruction on the device display and instructions on how to operate the other features of the printing device. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teaching of Fukushima with the printing device of Endo et al. to provide instructions are needed for operating the printing device.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claim 9 is allowed.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Applicant argues that Endo et al. does not teach bypassing the transfer mechanism. However, according to figure 8, the transfer mechanism is not activated during the lamination mode.

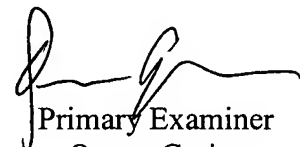
Thus, the claims remain rejected as discussed above.

Contact Information

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quana M. Grainger whose telephone number is 571-272-2135. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on 571-272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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